

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Niu for indicating allowability of Claims 2-4, 6, 7 and 10 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

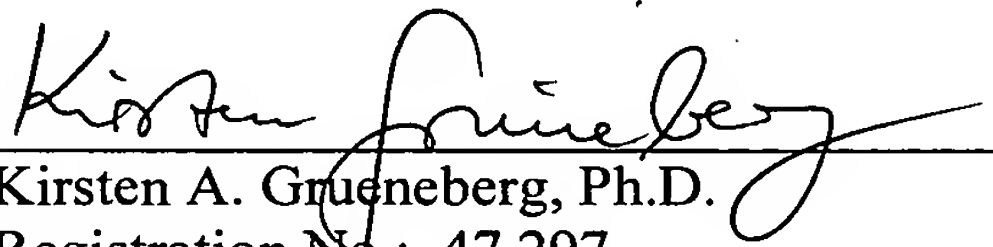
The limitations of allowable Claim 2 have been included in Claim 1. Thus, the claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Further, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that the references cited in the **Information Disclosure Statement, filed in the above-identified application on April 4, 2007**, have been considered.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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